(c) No business loss to Cochin Port on account of higher tariff has been reported.

Roads under CRF in Tamil Nadu

4701. SHRI S.P.M. SYEDKHAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

whether any proposal for construction of new roads or upgradation of existing roads in the Theni district of Tamil Nadu under Central Road Fund (CRF) has been considered or sanctioned during the last three years;

if so, the details thereof; and

the details of pending projects/completed under CRF in Tamil Nadu during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following two proposals were sanctioned in Theni District during last three years under Central Road Fund:

(i) Widening and Strengthening of Palayam-Thevaram-Bodi road (26.4 km) and

(ii) Bridge at km 6/200 of link road from Andipatti meeting Jayamangalam-Andipatti road at km 4/200.

(c) A total of 103 works have been completed during the last three years, 6 works are in progress and 82 works are yet to be started.

Condition of Pathankct-Jammu NH

4702. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

whether the condition of National Highway between Pathankot and Jammu is very poor causing extreme inconvenience to road users, and

if so, the reasons therefor and by when the condition of National Highway in this stretch is likely to improve?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) Due to unseasonal rain in the months of February and March, 2007, patches/ potholes developed in some portions of Jammu-Pathankot highway, which are being repaired. These repair works are likely to be completed by the end of May, 2007.

Delhi-Jaipur Expressway

†4703. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI:
SHRI KRISHAN LAL BALMIKI:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

whether it is a fact that Minister of Finance, during his budget speech in the year 2006, had mentioned about the construction of Expressway from Delhi to Jaipur; and

if so, the schedule of its construction and by when the construction work would commence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) The Government has approved for construction of 1,000 kms expressways at a cost of Rs. 16,680 crore in the country under National Highways Development Project (NHDP) Phase-VI, where in Delhi to Jaipur has been identified as one of the corridors. A prioritization study has been undertaken for final selection of the stretches for implementation. NHDP Phase-VI is targeted for completion by December, 2015.

Slow progress of four laning of NH-57

†4704. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that under the National Highways Development Project (NHDP), construction work for four laning of National Highway No. 57 in Bihar is not being carried out in qualitative and appropriate manner;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.